

REMARKS

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1, 3-5 and 8-18 are allowed.

Claim 2 is rejected.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-5 and 8-18 are currently pending in this application.

II. REJECTION UNDER DOUBLE PATENTING

On pages 2-3 of the current Office Action, claim 2 is provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 21 of copending Application No. 10/820,748.

Applicant herein submits a terminal disclaimer in compliance 37 CFR § 1.321 to obviate the double patenting rejection contained in the current Office Action.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the double patenting rejection is overcome.

III. CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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